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FOLLOW-UP TO THE WORLD SUMMIT FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: REVIEW OF RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS PLANS AND PROGRAMMES OF ACTION PERTAINING TO THE SITUATION OF SOCIAL GROUPS

Draft resolution submitted by the Ad Hoc Working Group on the Fourth Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing and Preparations for the International Year of Older Persons

Fourth review and appraisal of the International Plan of Action on Ageing

The Commission for Social Development,

Recalling the International Plan of Action on Ageing, which recommended that the Commission for Social Development be designated the intergovernmental body to review the implementation of the Plan of Action every four years and to make proposals for updating the Plan, as considered necessary, and to transmit the findings of that exercise to the General Assembly for its consideration through the Economic and Social Council,

Taking note with appreciation of the conclusions and recommendations made in the report of the Secretary-General on the fourth review and appraisal of the International Plan of Action on Ageing,[1]

Also taking note of the results of the in-session open-ended ad hoc working group that carried out the fourth review and appraisal exercise,

Concerned that the number of countries responding to the questionnaire on which the review and appraisal exercise is based has diminished,

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[1] E/CN.5/1997/4.

Also concerned that the findings of the review and appraisal exercises have consistently shown that although modest progress has been made in implementing the Plan of Action, implementation remains a largely incomplete task, particularly in developing countries,

1. Recommends that henceforth the United Nations Principles for Older Persons be annexed to publications of the International Plan of Action on Ageing;

2. Invites the Secretary-General to make recommendations on different options for the future review and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

3. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the Commission at its thirty-sixth session, under an agenda item entitled "Review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups".